

# 2011 Annual Monitoring Inspection Report

- Land Conservation Investment Program -

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Town: Amherst  
Grantor / Acres: Arnold / 88.9 + 30.1 = 119 (both tracts reported)  
(ACC does not distinguish between the two lots)  
Fee (F) or Easement (CE): F  
Local Property Name: Joe English / Arnold Land  
Tax Map / Lot:

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Current Owner: \* Please fill in NEW or CHANGED landowner information \*

Name: Office Of The Selectmen

Address:

Town:

State:

Zip:

Phone Day:

Cell:

Phone Eve:

E-Mail:

For new landowner: Date of Transfer: \_\_\_\_\_ Book / Page: \_\_\_\_\_.

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\*\*\* Date of Monitoring Inspection: 10/26/11. (last)

## Monitoring Checklist:

- Reviewed deed/stewardship plan ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Met owner/property manager ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA
- Walked boundaries ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ %
- Walked interior ☐ All ☒ Some ☐ None
- Walked trails/woods/roads ☒ All ☐ Some ☐ None ☐ N/A
- Walked road frontage ☒ All ☐ Some ☐ None ☐ N/A
- Walked outlot/developed area ☐ All ☒ Some ☐ None ☐ N/A

Condition of Boundaries: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor

Are you aware of plans that may affect property? ☒ Yes (Please explain) ☐ No

**Which activities/changes have taken place since the last monitoring? Please explain.**

☐ ATV use                      ☐ Agriculture                      ☐ Field Maintenance                      ☐ Boundary Maintenance  
☒ Trail Work                      ☐ Subdivision                      ☒ Abutting lands activity                      ☐ Other (please describe)  
☐ Timber harvest / land clearing                      *Is harvest according to a current management plan? \_\_\_\_\_.*

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**Please provide a detailed description of the monitoring inspection (including attendees) particularly where you walked, and / or include your GPS track.**

> Figure 1 shows tour of 26 October 11; previous activities covered trails to the west of junctions shown. Arrows indicate route traversing Hemlock and portion of Bicentennial Trails. Figure 2 shows part of bog bridging on Hammond Brook Trail where planks have been replaced this year. Figure 3 shows Hemlock Trail bridge across Hammond Brook, which has been rebuilt over the past month (partly by a high school service crew).

Because trails are the most important (and labor-intensive) feature of the Reservation, monitoring focuses on trail condition and required improvements. This inspection tour discovered unreported deadfalls at two places indicated on Figure 1; also missing treads from the Hammond Brook bridge on Bicentennial Trail. ACC will provide repairs at earliest opportunity, probably within a month.

Note the proposed Pestle Mill Trail, a flagged route across the adjacent Hammond land, on which ACC has committed to funding a Conservation Easement. Final routing of that trail will depend on resolution of conflicting requirements of intended equestrian trails yet to be planned.

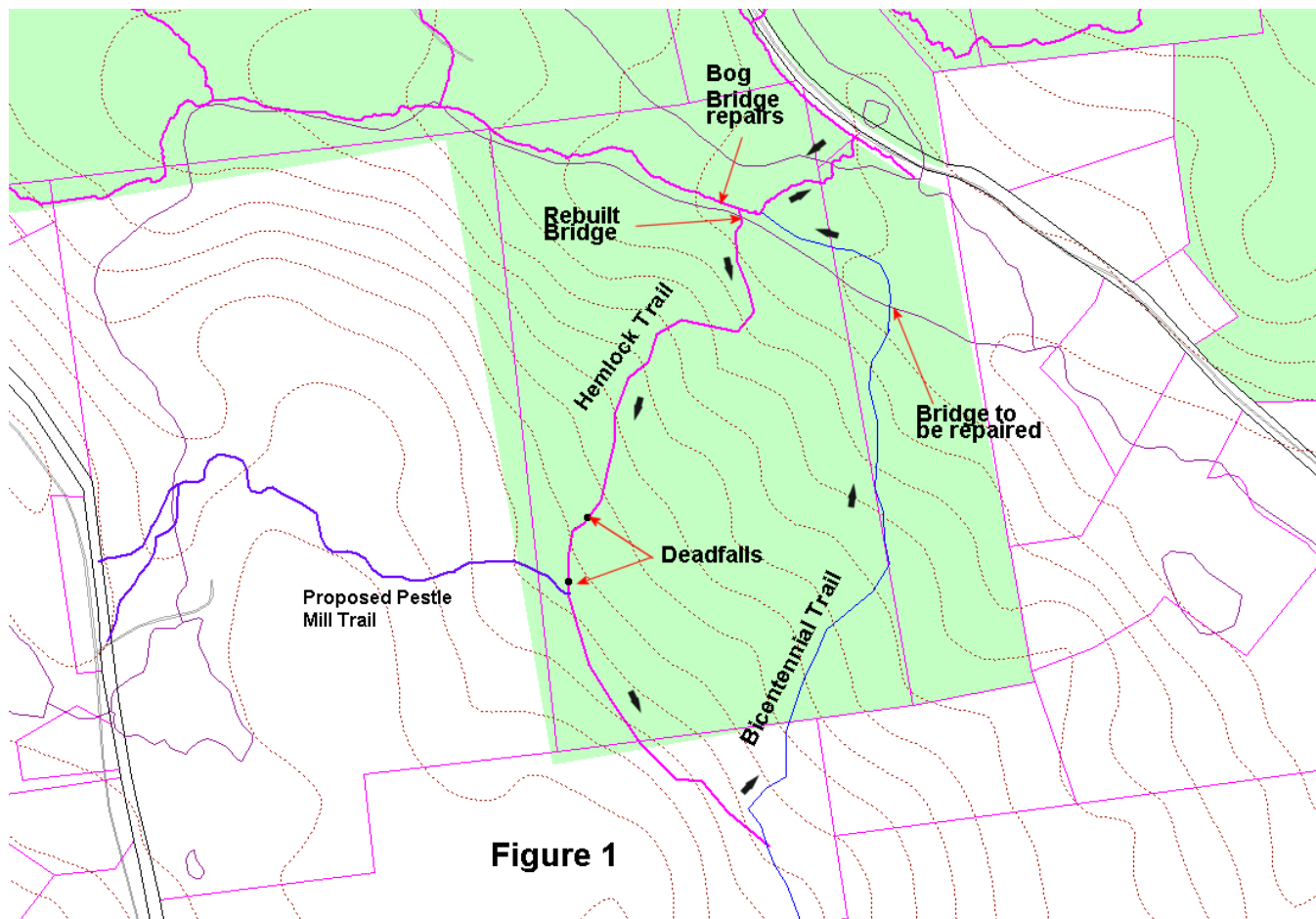
The invasion of this parcel by Hemlock Woolly Adelgid has drawn the attention of Jen Weimer, Forest Health Specialist at NH Division of Forests & Lands, who has been monitoring the spread of the infestation and has introduced loricobius beetles to counter its advance. She proposes to establish three test plots on this land to continue active research on this topic.

**To the best of your knowledge, judgment, and observation, are the conservation purposes being adhered to ?** *If "PENDING" or "NO" please explain, and contact CLS if we can be of assistance.*

☒ **OK** no violation observed      ☐ **PENDING**, further evaluation      ☐ **NO**

**Submitted by:** W M Wichman, ACC

**Date:** 10/27/11



**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**



**Figure 3**

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Town: Amherst  
Grantor / Acres: Scott / 41.69  
Fee (F) or Easement (CE): F  
Local Property Name: Soughan Canoe Port  
Tax Map / Lot: 4/48 + 2/140

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Name: Office Of The Selectmen

Address:

Town:

State:

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Scott Land is largely open to visual inspection without extensive touring on the ground.

Figure 4 shows the only remedial action required – apparently high waters have raised the west side of one of the Canoe Port stairways and have carried off the handrail from that stair. For once the treads on both stairs appear intact. Repairs may take place yet this year, but the peak usage of the Canoe Port is in spring and summer.

Figures 5 and 6 illustrate the residue from this year's successful agricultural operations. The farmer who raised corn this year and last has contributed to fertilizing both fields and intends in the future to raise alfalfa here.

The purpose of the walking tour was to ascertain that no unusual changes have occurred in the wooded portion of the property and that no further alterations have been required in the irrigation intake installed in 2010 (detailed in last year's report). No anomaly noted.

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*We strongly recommend that you file a copy of this report in the commission's monitoring file, provide a copy to the Selectmen, and for conservation easements send a copy to the landowner.*

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